



## AMENDMENTS

### **In the claims:**

Please amend claims 1 and 9, as follows:

 sub C<sup>1</sup> 1. (Once amended) An isolated and purified recombinant adenoviral vector, said vector comprising:  
an adenoviral genome from which the E1A/E1B genes have been deleted;  
a transgene coding for a stress related factor which is a heat shock protein; and  
a promoter operably linked to said transgene, wherein expression of the transgene is controlled by said promoter.

 9. (Once amended) The method of claim 5, wherein said stress related factor is selected from the group consisting of HSP70i, HSP27, HSP40, and HSP60.